



Michael Park School

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Expression of Interest Pack

Tena koe,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the enrolment of your child in our school. I enclose our expression of interest pack which includes the expression of interest form, the biography interview form, a recommended reading list and information on our school charges.

Michael Park School is an integrated area school with a Rudolf Steiner/ Waldorf special character. To support students, their families and teachers at Michael Park School, it is vitally important that parents/caregivers demonstrate a connection with the special character, aims and purposes of the school.

In order to support parents in understanding the special character of a Rudolf Steiner/Waldorf School, we hold during term time, open days and also open afternoons, and these dates are on our school website. These open days and afternoon events provide an excellent opportunity for you to gain some knowledge of our special character.

If you are considering enrolling your child in our school, we encourage you to complete the suggested background reading, attend parent education seminars and related events, and visit the school on an open day. Parking is limited within our grounds, so please park on the street where possible and walk down to the kindergarten via the path around the car park. (Kindergarten is to the right of the staff carpark).

Details of our parent education seminars and open days are advertised on our website.

www.michaelpark.school.nz

If you wish to have your child's name placed on an expression of interest list, please complete and return the enclosed forms either via email to enrolments@michaelpark.school.nz or post to the address below. If you have any questions please contact our Enrolment Officer, Brenda Davidson at brendad@michaelpark.school.nz

I wish you well on your journey to becoming a part of the Michael Park School Community.

Nga Mihi Nui

Terry Storer
Principal

RUDOLF STEINER EDUCATION

Recommended Reading

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Genius of Play – Celebrating the Spirit of Childhood	Sally Jenkinson
You are Your Child’s First Teacher	Rahima Baldwin
Free to Learn – Introducing Steiner Waldorf Education	Lynn Oldfield
What is Waldorf Kindergarten?	Joan Almon (Editor)
The Parent and Child Group Handbook – A Steiner Waldorf Approach	Dot Male
Heaven on Earth – A handbook for parents of Young Children	Sharifa Oppenheimer
Your Reincarnating Child	Gilbert Childs

STEINER/WALDORF EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Adventures in Steiner Education	Brien Masters
An Introduction to Steiner Education	Francis Edmunds
Understanding Waldorf Education	Jack Petrash
The Developing Child	Willi Aeppli
Waldorf Parenting Handbook	Lois Cusick
Questions and Answers in Rudolf Steiner Education	Roy Wilkinson
Steiner Education in Theory and Practice	Gilbert Childs
School as a Journey	Torin Finser
Waldorf Schools - Upper Grades and High School	Ruth Pusch (ed.)
Between From and Freedom	Betty Staley
Adolescence	Betty Staley
Simplicity Parenting	Kim John Payne

These books are available from **Ceres Books** located at 181 Ladies Mile in Ellerslie town centre and online. Many are also available in public libraries.

You can also find out more about Michael Park School by visiting our website www.michaelpark.school.nz

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THIS IS NOT AN ENROLMENT FORM

We only contact parents when a place may become available. As part of our enrolment procedure, parents and children are interviewed before acceptance.

CHILD'S FAMILY NAME: _____

CHILD'S FIRST NAME (S): _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____ FEMALE MALE

PARENTS' / GUARDIANS' DETAILS: (for further contact)

1. Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Phone numbers: _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Phone numbers: _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Has your family previously applied to Michael Park School?

NO

YES DATES _____

If a child in your family left Michael Park School prior to Graduation please explain the circumstances:

Do you have other children ***already attending*** Michael Park School? If so, give ***Names and Dates of Birth***

Child 1

Child 2

Child 3

Surname _____

First Name _____

Date of Birth _____

How long have you known about Steiner Waldorf education?

- 0-1 year 1-2 years 3 or more years

How have you become aware of Steiner Waldorf education?

- Online Print Media Personal contacts/Word of mouth ERO Report

How did you find out about Michael Park School?

Are you a Steiner/Waldorf alumni? If so, name of School: _____

What languages are spoken at home? _____

What parent education events relating to Steiner education have you attended?

What material have you read about Steiner education?

Are you transferring from another Steiner/Waldorf School? If so, where?

Which early childhood centre/school is your child presently attending? _____

Please list applicant's previous schools starting with the current school.

Current School _____ Years attended _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Previous School _____ Years attended _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Previous School _____ Years attended _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Have any needs /issues with regards to the following been identified by you or a school or Kindergarten?

	Yes	No	Comment
Behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>
Gifted/Talented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>
Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>
Emotional Needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>
Social Needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>
Medical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>

What mode of transport do you intend to use to get your child to school?

Car Car-pooling Bus Train Walking Other _____

How would you like to learn more about Steiner education?

Workshops Online Printed Media

Why are you interested in Michael Park School? Tick any that apply?

Academic performance/Qualifications Location Rudolf Steiner Special Character
 Alumni Dissatisfaction with present education Relationships with other families
 Small size Community values

Is there anything you would like to share with us about your child? E.g. special skills, talents, interests, any special needs/support required.

Please attach copies of your child’s last three school reports.

The weekly Friday Flyer (newsletter) can be viewed on our website www.michaelpark.school.nz

If you change your address and phone number, please let us know. If we are unable to contact you we may remove your child from the list.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Privacy Statement

We are collecting personal information on this Expression of Interest form for the purposes of enrolling students at Michael Park School. We will use and disclose your child's information only in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1993*. Under that Act you have the right to access and request correction of any personal information we hold about you or your child.

RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOLS TRUST SCHOOL

2019 - Reviewed Yearly

Class 1 - 12

School Attendance Dues - Compulsory

\$1,437.50 per year per student (GST inclusive)

\$1,078.10 per year per student (GST inclusive) for 4th child in a family and for 5th and subsequent children there are no Attendance Dues charged.

Attendance Dues are used to cover insurance, debt servicing, improvements to integrated school buildings and associated facilities required by our integration agreement, as well as project support.

School Special Character Donation – Tax Deductible

\$2,510.00 per year per family

If you have children in both the kindergarten and school then the Special Character donation only applies to children in the kindergarten.

Note: The Special Character donation has increased in 2018 in line with changes in external education funding and the outcome of the 2028 visioning process. This donation amount will continue to be reviewed annually and the community kept informed of any changes.

Invoiced at beginning of the year or upon starting if through the year, payable by instalments or in full.
These are paid to the Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust.

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL SCHOOL

2019 - Reviewed Yearly

BOT Donation – Tax Deductible

Classes 1 – 7:	\$ 650.00 per student
Classes 8 – 10:	\$ 895.00 per student
Classes 11 - 12:	\$1,040.00 per student

This includes:

- All Curriculum based materials
- Start-up stationery in the primary school Class 1 - 4
- Artefacts (handwork, art etc. that is taken home)
- Photocopying (worksheets) etc.
- Covers, use of school instruments, and repairs
- Items for curriculum enhancement as defined by the Ministry of Education such as:
 - PE & games equipment
 - Art & Craft materials and equipment
 - Science materials and equipment
 - Costumes for plays

Additional Costs per student

For items such as:

- Classes 5-12 Stationery requirements (Students MUST purchase their own stationery),
- Lower School (Class 1-4) Extra stationery requirements not provided at start of year,
- Main Lesson Books Classes 4-7,
- Personal materials and tools e.g. (Independent project material),
- Student purchases for individual projects not covered above,
- Camp costs for Classes 4 to 12,
- NZQA and ISSC Fees,
- PE Uniforms if required,
- Swimming lessons and transport.

All invoiced at beginning of the year and payable on the 20th of the month following.
These are paid to the Michael Park School BOT.

RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOLS TRUST KINDERGARTEN

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Michael Park Kindergarten has opted for the Ministry of Education "20 hours" scheme. However, the funding rates for "20 hours" have been calculated to cover the minimum regulated standard and do not cover the actual operating costs associated with the delivery of an outstanding quality early childhood education based on our special character and philosophy.

In order to keep our service financially sustainable, of a high quality and reflecting the special character and philosophy of Michael Park Kindergarten we request that parents choose to be part of "20 hours" and actively support the special character and philosophy by agreeing to pay the outlined Kindergarten Special Character Donation request.

The Special Character Donation request is to cover services that are not currently provided by the Ministry of Education "20 hours" scheme:

- Staffing above minimum requirements
- Steiner Festivals (Spiral, Spring, Lantern festivals)
- Steiner professional development for staff
- Steiner educational expenses
- Anthroposophical first aid supplies
- Steiner appointed buildings
- Eurythmy therapy
- 6 year old Assessment prior to moving to Class 1
- Substantial cooked morning tea
- Parent education
- Communication - Spiral
- Steiner appointed grounds and play equipment

Kindergarten Special Character Donation:

\$4,770.00 per child per year Or, if parents decide not to opt for the Ministry of Education "20 hours" scheme then the Kindergarten Fee is \$420.00 per week per child (GST incl)

Discounts apply if you have more than 1 child attending Michael Park Kindergarten. Please refer to the examples page for details.

Rose Cottage Donation:

\$85.00 per week Or, if parents decide not to opt for the Ministry of Education "20 hours" scheme then the Rose Cottage session request is \$90.00 per session per child (GST inclusive)
(4 days, or \$25 per day)

Please contact the RSST Finance administrator Christine Fairclough for further queries either via phone (09 525 8994) or email christinef@michaelpark.school.nz

Please note that any Donations noted above are tax deductible.

Donations are requested at beginning of year and can be paid to the Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust.

RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOLS TRUST INVOICE EXAMPLES

Attendance Dues and Special Character Donation Requests for 2019

The examples below show the various scenarios for families who have children in Kindergarten, School and both. Attendance Dues and Special Character Donation requests are invoiced at the beginning of the school year.

Families with Kindergarten children only

Kindergarten Special Character Donation Request \$4,770.00 for one child in kindergarten

Kindergarten Special Character Donation Request \$1,990.00 for second child and subsequent

Families with children in both School and Kindergarten

Kindergarten Special Character Donation Request \$4,770.00 for one child in kindergarten

Kindergarten Special Character Donation Request \$1,990.00 for second child and subsequent

Attendance Dues (Class 1-12) \$1,437.50 per student
\$1,078.10 for 4th student, (5th and subsequent children
no Attendance Dues charged)

Families with School children only

RSST Special Character Donation Request \$2,510.00 per family

Attendance Dues (Class 1-12) \$1,437.50 per student
\$1,078.10 for 4th student, (5th and subsequent children
no Attendance Dues charged)

Rose Cottage

Please refer to the RSST Kindergarten request page.

Ministry of Education 20 Hours ECE

The Kindergarten Special Character Donation Request, Rose Cottage Donation Requests are for parents who choose to use their 20 hours ECE at Michael Park. Please refer to the RSST Kindergarten request page if parents choose to use their 20 hours ECE at another service for the 2018 fees.

Please contact the RSST Finance administrator Christine Fairclough for further queries either via phone (09 525 8994) or email christinef@michaelpark.school.nz

RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOLS TRUST SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

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On acceptance into the Michael Park School community we ask our new families to donate the following:

Development Donation – Tax Deductible
Payable to Rudolf Steiner Schools Trust (BNZ Remuera 02-0256-0102748-00)

\$600.00 per child for first three children
No charge for subsequent children

This is a one off request upon entry to the Michael Park School Community which is requested before commencement. Please note that this is a non-refundable donation.

If you wish this donation can be paid by instalments, please see the Administration team for details at christinef@michaelpark.school.nz.

Please note

Students returning within 2 years to the Michael Park community will be asked to contribute 50% of the above Development Donation. If returning after 2 years the full amount is requested.